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SUBJ: SAHARA: POLISARIO MILITARY CLAIMS

1. POLISARIO HAS PUBLISHED A COMMUNIQUE GIVING AN ACCOUNT OF ATTACKS FROM AUGUST 16-SEPTEMBER 15:
A- ON NORTHERN FRONT THEY CLAIM TO HAVE KILLED 199 SOLDIERS, WOUNDED 82 AND CAPTURED 18. ONE F5 CLAIMED SHOT DOWN AUGUST 24. POLISARIO ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE CAPTURED OR DESTROYED LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS AND VEHICLES, HAOUZA GAS DEPOT AND 250 METERS OF BOU CRAA CONVEYOR BELT.
B- ON SOUTHERN FRONT CLAIMED CASUALTIES WERE: 230 KILLED, 89 PRISONERS (AMONG THEM ONE OFFICER). ONE PLANE WAS CLAIMED SHOT DOWN AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS, VEHICLES AND OTHER MATERIAL CLAIMED DESTROYED AND CAPTURED.

2. ON OCTOBER 15 POLISARIO PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE CLAIMING THAT THEY AMBUSHED MOROCCAN TROOPS AT SEBKAT OUM DROUSS, 40 KM. NORTH OF
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ZOUERATT. SAHRAOUIS CLAIM TO HAVE DESTROYED TWO COMPANIES OF FOURTH BATTALION OF MOROCCAN PARACHUTISTS: 35 SOLDIERS WERE CAPTURED (AMONG THEM ONE SENIOR OFFICER AND SEVERAL JUNIOR OFFICERS), 145 SOLDIERS WERE KILLED (INCLUDING ONE LIEUTENANT), 17 VEHICLES WERE CLAIMED DESTROYED, AND 12 JEEPS, 3 TRUCKS AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS WERE CAPTURED.HAYNES

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